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To authorize the conveyance of certain parcels of public land in Clark County, Nevada, to the City of Mesquite, Nevada, and the Virgin Valley Water District, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2007

Mr. PORTER (for himself and Mr. HELLER of Nevada) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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A BILL

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1   *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4   This Act may be cited as the "Mesquite Lands Act

5 of 2007".

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO CITY OF MESQUITE, NE-VADA.

(a) ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AUTHORITY.—Section 3 of Public Law 99–548, as amended by Public Law 104–208 (110 Stat. 3009–202) and Public Law 106–113 (113 Stat. 1501A–166), is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(g) SEVENTH AREA.—

"(1) RIGHT TO PURCHASE.—For a period of 12 years beginning on the date of the enactment of the Mesquite Lands Act of 2007, the city of Mesquite, Nevada, shall have the exclusive right to purchase the parcels of public land identified on the map prepared by the Bureau of Land Management, entitled 'Conveyance of Lands to the City of Mesquite, Nevada', and dated September 14, 2007. The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

"(2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 10 years after the date of enactment of the Mesquite Lands Act of 2007, the city shall notify the Secretary of the Interior which of the parcels identified on the map referred to in paragraph (1) the city intends to purchase.

1   "(3) CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 1 year

2 after receiving notification from the city under para-

3 graph (2), the Secretary shall convey to the city the

4 land selected for purchase.

5   "(4) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing

6 rights, during the period specified in paragraph (1),

7 the parcels of public land described in paragraph (2)

8 are withdrawn from all forms of public entry and ap-

9 propriation under the public land laws, including the

10 mining laws, and from operation of the mineral leas-

11 ing and geothermal leasing laws.

12   "(5) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Amounts received

13 from the sale of public land under this subsection

14 shall be available for use by the Secretary in the

15 State of Nevada, without further appropriation and

16 until expended, for the implementation of the Virgin

17 River Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan, in-

18 cluding any associated groundwater monitoring

19 plans, developed pursuant to section 4(e)(3)(A)(iii)

20 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management

21 Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–263; 112 Stat.

22 2346).".

23 (b) EXTENSION OF PURCHASE AUTHORITY AND

24 WITHDRAWALS, FIFTH AND SIXTH AREAS.—Subsections

25 (e) and (f) of section 3 of Public Law 99–548, as added

1 by section 133 of appendix C of Public Law 106–113 (113

2 Stat. 1501A–166), are amended—

3   (1) in subsection (e)—

4   (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking "For

5   a period of 12 years after the date of the enact-

6   ment of this Act," and inserting "Until Novem-

7   ber 29, 2015,";

8   (B) in paragraph (3), by striking "Not

9   later than 10 years after the date of the enact-

10   ment of this subsection," and inserting "Not

11   later than November 29, 2014,"; and

12   (C) in paragraph (5), by striking "the date

13   that is 12 years after the date of the enactment

14   of this subsection," and inserting "the date

15   specified in paragraph (1)(A),"; and

16   (2) in subsection (f)(3), by striking "until the

17 date that is 12 years after the date of the enactment

18 of this subsection," and inserting "until November

19 29, 2015,".

20 (c) CLARIFICATION OF IMPLEMENTATION AUTHOR-

21 ITY FOR MULTISPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION

22 PLAN.—Paragraph (6)(B)(ii) of subsection (e) of section

23 3 of Public Law 99–548, as added by section 133 of ap-

24 pendix C of Public Law 106–113 (113 Stat. 1501A–166),

25 is amended by inserting before the period at the end the

1 following: '', including implementation of the Virgin River
2 Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan, including any as-
3 sociated groundwater monitoring plans, developed pursu-
4 ant to subparagraph (A)(iii) of such section''.

5 **SEC. 3. LAND CONVEYANCE, VIRGIN VALLEY WATER DIS-**
6 **TRICT, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA.**

7 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Notwithstanding the Federal
8 Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701
9 et seq.), the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the
10 Virgin Valley Water District, without consideration, all
11 right, title and interest of the United States in and to ap-
12 proximately 300 acres of public land in Clark County, Ne-
13 vada, identified on the map prepared by the Bureau of
14 Land Management, entitled ''Conveyance of Lands to the
15 Virgin Valley Water District'', and dated _____,
16 2007. The map shall be on file and available for public
17 inspection in appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land
18 Management.

19 (b) EXISTING RIGHTS.—The conveyance under sub-
20 section (a) shall be subject to valid existing rights.

21 (c) COSTS.—The District shall pay to the United
22 States an amount equal to the costs of the Secretary asso-
23 ciated with the conveyance under subsection (a).

1   (d) SUBSEQUENT SALE.—If the District sells any
2 portion of the land conveyed to the District under sub-
3 section (a)—

4   (1) the amount of consideration for the sale
5   shall reflect fair market value, as determined by an
6   appraisal; and

7   (2) the District shall pay to the Secretary an
8   amount equal to the net proceeds of the sale.

9   (e) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Amounts received by the
10 Secretary under subsection (d)(2) shall be available for
11 use by the Secretary in the State of Nevada, without fur-
12 ther appropriation and until expended.

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